

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 276

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Ronald E. Fults for his honorable service to the counties and people of Tennessee as an outstanding public servant and longtime employee of the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ronald E. Fults, who has served the county governments in Tennessee for thirty years as an attorney with the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults is a native of Coffee County, Tennessee who was born and reared in the Hillsboro community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1973 with majors in history and political science, and received his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976; he served as a law clerk for the Tennessee Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults began his career as an attorney with the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service in 1976, where over the next thirty years he served with great distinction, developing tremendous knowledge and expertise in county government law and operations and providing expert assistance to counties and their officials across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for well over a decade Ronald E. Fults has served as Director of Legal Services, providing leadership and guidance to the legal staff of the County Technical Assistance Service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults has received numerous awards and professional recognitions throughout his long and illustrious career, including the Robert S. Hutchison

Outstanding Public Service Professional Award and the Institute for Public Service Customer Service Award, along with various awards and accolades from the Tennessee County Services Association, the County Officials Association of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Registers Association, including being made an Honorary Member of the Tennessee Registers Association in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in performing services as a consultant with the County Technical Assistance Service, Ronald E. Fults always endeavored to enhance county governments in Tennessee by improving their operations through education, advice, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults made significant contributions during his career regarding a wide range of subjects affecting local government and in particular provided invaluable expertise related to solid waste management, the operation of the office of the Register of Deeds, centralization of financial operations, and consolidating government functions; and

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Fults epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a dedicated public servant and a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ronald E. Fults for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ronald E. Fults for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.